

Mr. Page Explains.
Mr. Austin—Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask the gentleman in charge of the bill question. What became of the item in the bill in the Senate providing for the improvement of Seventh street northwest, \$20,000?

Mr. Page of North Carolina—There is an amendment in the bill authorizing the expenditure of \$20,000 in taking up the present pavement of Seventh street beginning at the corner of the street at what street?

Mr. Austin—New York avenue.

Mr. Page—New York avenue and extending for several blocks, and on that amendment the Senate agreed.

Mr. Austin—What was the objection on the part of the House conference to the amendment?

Mr. Page—The objection was after a personal investigation of this pavement was found that it was an entirely new pavement and served in every way the purpose for which it was placed there and the expenditure was not warranted in taking up this pavement and replacing it at this time.

Mr. Austin—The present pavement is a good one, and there has been no improvement for half a century on the street.

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Build Boulevard to Mt. Vernon, Slogan

Automobile Owners, Dealers, and Merchants of City Urge Plan—Commissioners Harding and Sidons Give Support to Proposal for New Road Along the Potomac.

Great interest is being displayed in the proposed boulevard from this city to Mt. Vernon, by the business men and automobilists and by all those who have the interest of local improvements at heart. Many of the local automobile dealers have expressed themselves enthusiastically in favor of the contemplated road, and give assurance of their full support, both active and financial.

NEED IS URGED FOR BOULEVARD.

"Washington needs more of just such roads," said the manager of one of the large automobile agencies. "It is surprising how many machines run out every afternoon during the warm weather to find a little coolness. There are not so many first-class roads in the neighborhood that a great variety of scenery is to be obtained, and this road along the Potomac would be a great boon. I am personally willing to contribute my share, and I know dozens of automobile owners who will contribute liberally."

Commissioner Harding said: "It is an excellent scheme. I have always thought that Mt. Vernon was rather inaccessible—only one way to get there and only at certain times. Such a road would add considerably to the attractiveness of Washington."

Commissioner Sidons expressed himself as strongly in favor of the project. He said:

"A boulevard from Washington, the National Capital, to the town of Washington, the man who did so much to forward the establishment of the seat of government in the District, ought to make its appeal to every citizen of Washington who loves the city and who reveres the memory of the first and greatest citizen of the United States."

"No method has yet been devised by which these owners can be reached. The collection of this tax in fact, is a question of the honesty of individuals. While the law authorizes the board of personal tax assessors to make an assessment, from the best information they can procure on the failure of the owner to submit a return of his goods by August 1, the board cannot make a search of a man's premises for jewelry."

Watches and cuff buttons, it was announced today, are exempt from the tax. These articles are classified by the ruling of the corporation counsel as "wearing apparel." Stick-pins, rings, earrings, bracelets, bangles and all articles used for adornment are subject to the tax.

Mr. Richards said, of the increased amount of revenue which will be produced by the taxation of jewelry.

Greece Sends War Threat to Turkey

LONDON, June 13.—Greece and Turkey are on the verge of war.

Premier Venizelos, of Greece, sent a rigorous demand of protest to the Turkish government, demanding a cessation of the persecution of Greeks in Turkey and reparation for past atrocities.

The Greek minister to Great Britain had an interview with Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign minister, to whom he explained the attitude of the Greek government.

The Greek government has ordered the Greek Christians from the province of Thrace, while Turkey accuses Greece of persecuting Turkish subjects in the region of Salonika, which was taken by the Greeks in the recent Balkan war.

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PAVES WAY FOR BIG PARK NEAR CAPITAL

Senator Smith of Maryland Offers Bill Providing \$500,000 a Year Until 1918.

Senator Smith of Maryland has introduced in the Senate a bill appropriating \$500,000 annually until June 30, 1918, for the acquisition of lands for a national forest or park in the vicinity of the District.

The money is to be used in the survey and acquisition of lands for this proposed park between the District and Baltimore.

The bill says the lands are to be obtained "in the general vicinity of the District of Columbia, with strips in Virginia, and that the land acquired is to be within thirty miles of the District."

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Sleigh's Jangling Bells on G Street Give Shivers To The Gauzily Clad

Hear the sledges and their bells. Their melody foretells. How they tinkle, tinkle, tinkle. In the icy air of night.

Only this was at noon on G street. The large, perspiring, spluttering fat man suspended his palm leaf fan in mid-air.

"The doctor told me to cut it down to two these hot days. I didn't; now I am hearing things," he muttered.

Another jingle, in frosty accents. A willowy maid, exceedingly sumptuous and diaphanous as to her gown, pulled her gauzy skirts close about her and was seen to shiver. And still they jingled. Temperature 38 in the shade.

A puffing lady, of generous girth, plumped down her market basket on the plant asphalt and felt her pulse.

Traffic was suspended, passing hordes of the air, and Dr. Cook's press agent came running up to a nearby hotel to see whether some other intrepid explorer had put another one across on his employer.

"Going, going, gone. At twenty. And it's a bargain. The auctioneer explained the greatest natural phenomenon Washington has witnessed many moons."

"The fat man dashed back through the swinging doors for another brace. And the crowd, with sheepish expressions, melted away as only a crowd and a penny vanilla 'snow bar' can melt on a sweltering June day."

"That's the hottest job I've had this year," the auctioneer, as he wiped a sweating brow across his shiny brow.

"If any more of these hot days come, I'll be doing that in my sleep tonight. Say, did you ever try to sleep with a thermometer under your arm at 38 in the shade?"

Oscar Baun bought it. He says he wants it for an investment.

The English sparrow is the quickest of all the feathered tribe to adopt itself to the advances of science and civilization. This is frequently proven to the consternation of biologists and many lovers of the bird.

The most striking instance of this adaptability was recently proven to a group of laymen who gathered by the little triangular park in front of the Munsey building, that has recently been converted into an architectural emporium.

The symphony along the Avenue side of the park, and its cool shrubbery are favorite gathering places for the sparrows. Before the Pulaski statue was erected, the sparrows disported themselves in the cool water of an open fountain.

Some lovers of bird and animal life wondered what these sparrows did for a drink and a bath after the fountain was turned up, apparently there was no water in sight.

Some time ago a drinking fountain of the park was installed. It was a fine thing, and even though the sparrows paid but little attention, one or two audacious fellows eyed the bubbling stream at close range, but could find no standing water.

The latest of the noonday yesterday, one of the boldest and noisiest of twittering groups solved the problem. It lit on the outer edge of the fountain, and there it stood, looking down at the stream. One or two pedestrians stopped to watch. Others gazed on in amazement. The bird, with its bill into the stream with a quick darting motion. Nothing happened, and he tried it again. Finally he let it rest in the stream, and withdrawing it only to throw back his head, drank his fill. Contentedly he repeated this feat several times, and today, many sparrows, quick to learn, can be seen using the drinking fountain in approved style.

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AMERICANS IN EVERY CLIME HONOR FLAG

Vice President Marshall Orafor of the Day at the Interior Department.

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around the five upper floors of the great building all facing on the enclosed courtyard. In the choruses their voices swelled and rolled with great effect.

This peculiar arrangement was made possible because of the construction of the department building. The entire center of the building is a courtyard, covered with a glass roof. The corridors of each floor rim this great open space.

Secretary Bryan spoke from a platform built out from the north wall. His address, that glowed with patriotism, and reverence, for the peace and upbuilding that have followed the Stars and Stripes. Gathered on the platform, ranged about it were Postmaster General Burdett, Miss Mary Sherier and Earl Carbaugh, soloists; officials of the Government, a trained chorus directed by Percy S. Foster, and a male octette.

Largest U. S. Flag Unfurled.

A program of patriotic music led up to the unfurling of the giant flag, the largest correctly proportioned national emblem in existence.

After the speech of Secretary Bryan, Miss Mary Sherier sang the "Star Spangled Banner." She sang the last verse, Chief Clerk Merritt O. Chance, pulled a halyard, that released the giant flag. It unfurled in silence, that rang about it were Postmaster General Burdett, Miss Mary Sherier and Earl Carbaugh, soloists; officials of the Government, a trained chorus directed by Percy S. Foster, and a male octette.

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Tasted Mint Julip, Ordered Beer

Anticipation does not always meet with realization, even in the matter of a drink.

A German brewer, the constituent of a New York Congressman, recently visited Washington bearing a thirst which he had carried for years. Since early youth he had heard of the wonders of the old-fashioned Southern mint julep. Now he intended to have one.

The brewer called on his Congressman and asked to be directed to the place where he could purchase the best mint julep in Washington. Even some of the new Congressmen know where drinks are properly compounded and served, and the brewer had no difficulty in obtaining the right address. He called for the drink of his dreams, and in a few minutes it was served to him: iced to the brim with the most properly crushed, tenderly graced with fruit—just what he had been longing for.

The brewer, leaning on the lip of the julep set the glass on the bar, carefully removed the mint and decorations, which he slowly ate, nuzzled the glass over to the bartender and said: "Gif me a beer."